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SUBJ: GATT COUNCIL: SWEDISH REQUEST FOR ART XXVIII:4 NEGOTIATIONS

1. MARCH 22 COUNCIL AGENDA INCLUDES SWEDISH REQUEST
UNDER ART XXVIII:4 (SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES) TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM EX 21.07. THIS
INCLUDES TWO CONCESSIONS:

(A) NON- ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS FOR MAKING BEVERAGES
BOUND IN KR AND BOUND PREVIOUSLY AT HIGHER RATES TO US
AND BENELUX AND

(B) ICECREAM: ICE CREAM POWDER AND PUDDING POWDER BOUND TO UK.

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST (DOC L/3825 DATED 12 MARCH)
SIMPLY STATES THAT SYSTEM OF VARIABLE IMPORT LEVIES
WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR CERTAIN PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS AS MEANS OF PRICE COMPENSATION TO TAKE ACCOUNT
OF DIFFERENCES IN COSTS OF AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS.

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3. SWEDISH MEMO CONTAINS 1970-72 IMPORT STATISTICS. FOR NON- ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS (ETC.), US IS FOURTH SUPPLIES (ABOUT \$200,000 OR FIVE PERCENT OF SWEDEN' S IMPORTS IN 1972). US NOT LISTED AMONG SIX LEADING SUPPLIERS ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 99 PERCENT SWEDISH IMPORTS OF ICE CREAM POWDER.

4. COMMENT. SWEDISH MEMO FAILS GIVE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR " SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" AUTHORIZATION BY COUNCIL. AS SWEDES HAVE MADE NO EFFORT TO GIVE US ADDITIONAL RATIONALE PRIVATELY (BEARING IN MIND OUR INITIAL NEGOTIATING RIGHTS IN FIRST CONCESSION PROPOSED FOR WITHDRAWAL), SUGGEST US INITIAL POSITION MARCH 22 COUNCIL BE TO REQUEST INFO ON SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND DEFER ACTION UNTIL CPS CAN CONSIDER BASIS FOR REQUEST. WE ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, THAT PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS (UK, NOR, FEDREP) WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SWEDISH REQUEST. IF IT DEVELOPS THAT ONLY US IS AGAINST IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF RENEGOTIATION REQUEST, HOWEVER, WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY US IN TRYING TO BLOCK PROCEDURAL STEP. INSTEAD, WE WOULD FAVOR STATEMENT(A) REGRETTING ABSENCE OF ADVANCE CIRCULATION OF " SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES," (B) DEPLORING SWEDISH INTENTION TO RESORT TO INFINITE LEVEL OF PROTECTION VIA VARIABLE LEVIES, AND (C) NOTING US INR IN NON- ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS. RIMESTAD

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